

OPERATIONS UPDATE



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DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO AND RWANDA: VOLCANIC ERUPTION IN GOMA

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Appeal No. 02/02

Preliminary Appeal launched on 18 January 2002 for CHF 1,533,000 (USD 966,000/EUR 1,038,000) for three months. Beneficiaries: 250,000.

Full Appeal launched on 15 February 2002 for CHF 4,802,000 (USD 2.8 million/EUR 3.34 million) for six months. Beneficiaries: 165,000

Disaster Relief Emergency Fund Allocated: CHF 250,000

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“At a Glance”

Appeal coverage: 75.9%

Related Appeals: Congo Republic & DR Congo 2002 Annual Appeal (no. 01.06/2002); Rwanda 2002 Annual Appeal (no. 01.11/2002)

Outstanding needs: CHF 1,277,447 (USD 761,740/ EUR 866,497)

The Disaster/Situation: The number of refugees in Mudende continues to remain stable. The ongoing political and security dilemma of how and where to relocate or house the tens of thousands of homeless in Goma continues to hamper definitive long-term planning.

Operational Developments

Seismic shocks continue to be felt in Goma, in the wake of the eruption on 17 January 2002. Some tremors are felt as far away as Kigali. Latest UN figures from Goma report that 147 people were killed, 350,000 people affected, 30,000 displaced, and 14,000 homes destroyed by the original eruption.

On 25 February volcanologists from OCHA and the Observatoire de Goma observed a dramatic increase in seismic activity of volcano Nyamuragira located north-west of Goma. However the eruption of this volcano is not the main concern. Along with the eruption of Nyamuragira the seismic activity threatens to disturb Lake Kivu and upset the balanced layers of deadly carbon dioxide and methane gases that lie in the lake, posing a potentially lethal threat to the populations surrounding the lake. The state of alert remains at yellow.

Democratic Republic of Congo ●

On 12 February a meeting was held between the Rwandan authorities, Goma (RDC) authorities, UNICEF, WFP, OCHA, UNHCR, INGOs, a Congolese NGO representative and a Federation representative (on behalf

of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement). A meeting to create a Contingency Plan was held on 19 February in Kigali. Each of the 12 committee members presented a draft, and the final contingency plan will be ready within 40 days. Three planning groups (North Kivu, South Kivu and Rwanda) are expected to develop Operational Response Plans covering pre-crisis preparedness, early warning and awareness, crisis response, evacuation, post-crisis response, humanitarian response (food, shelter, non-food, health) and an overall assessment of preparedness. The current issue of relocation of the Goma population is still unclear and this is affecting distribution plans.

There have been several meetings between ECHO, USAID, the International Federation, Atlas Logistics, Concern and Caritas to implement a shelter kit distribution funded by ECHO. These kits are worth USD 250 each and consist of cement, poles, corrugated steel and plastic sheeting. They will be distributed to selected families currently living in schools and public houses. The targeted number of families for Red Cross shelter assistance is 2,500. The provision of shelter is planned to take three months and the Red Cross will monitor the operation. The Belgian Red Cross - under the umbrella of the Federation - will handle the operation and together with the CRC Goma branch will do the selection of families. They will be shown how to put the houses up, and assisted if necessary. The Belgian Red Cross will handle the ECHO reporting responsibilities.

The CRC Goma branch are setting up 200 tents this week on the school area for temporary shelter, because the public houses must be emptied.

The distribution of NFI was finished on 04 March. The delay is due to heavy rains in the week. A total of 6,699 families have received the NFI kit from the Federation.

Rwanda ●

Re-registration of the population took place during the last week of February. The result was that 5,014 beneficiaries (2,386 families) were registered in the camp and numbers appear to have stabilized. People from villages between Nyiragongo and Goma who had lost their crops and houses began to move towards Gisenyi and Mudende as they have not been receiving assistance in their own areas. They will probably need short-term food and non-food emergency assistance but also long-term help in the form of seeds and tools to re-establish their livelihoods.

The Federation, together with the Rwandan Red Cross Society (RRCS), arranged a workshop in camp management from 18 to 21 February. There were 20 participants from the Rwandan, DR Congo and Ugandan Red Cross Societies.

The British logistics emergency response unit (ERU) left on 21 February 2002. The remaining logistics delegate is now handling this task. The field assessment and coordination team (FACT) has also left, except for the team leader who will continue to follow this operation on the ground.

The Head of Africa Department from Geneva visited Kigali on 02 March for meetings with the RRCS. Preparations for the Partnership Meetings taking place from 7 to 9 March have been ongoing.

Red Cross/Red Crescent action

Democratic Republic of Congo - Goma ●

Distribution of non-food items in Goma has been completed for the Red Cross target families. The following non-food items have been distributed to date:

Item	Donor	Amounts distributed
Blankets	British/Swiss/German Red Cross	20,099
Tarpaulins	British/Swiss/German Red Cross	6,699
Jerrycans	Spanish/Norwegian Red Cross	13,398
Kitchen sets	OPEC/Danish RC/British Red Cross	6,699
Soap (kgs)	Federation	13,500

Rwanda - Mudende ●

The location of the refugees in Mudende camp has been reorganized according to their *quartiers* of origin in Goma and their *chef de quartier* is responsible for their registration for distribution of food as well as non-food items. Subsequently, beneficiary cards have been distributed. Food and non food items are being distributed to refugees regularly according to the lists carried out by Red Cross Camp Management. Food is distributed fortnightly.

There is clear evidence that the most vulnerable refugees leaving Goma choose to stay with relatives in the Goma area, while the younger and stronger refugees continue into Gisenyi.

Latest figures from the re-registration exercise in the Mudende camp show a clear reduction in numbers:

<i>Source: RRCS</i>	<i>28 February</i>
Men	1,234
Women	1,425
Children < 16 years	2,010
Children > 16 years	345
Non-accompanied children	0
Total (people)	5,014
Total (families)	2,386

Unaccompanied children have been transferred by SCF and UNICEF to Nkamira camp. The ICRC is continuing its activities with tracing and reunification of unaccompanied children and missing people on both the Rwandan and the Congolese sides.

The following non-food relief items have been distributed in Mudende camp (as at 24 February):

Item	Donor	Amounts distributed
Blankets	Netherlands RC	4'996
	Belgian RC	1'240
	French RC	1'948
	Swiss RC	875
Petrol Lamps	Federation	100
Mattresses	Federation	31
Family tents	Belgian RC	200
	Netherlands RC	295
Tarpaulins	Spanish RC	4'545
Jerrycans	French RC	3'239
Buckets	Federation	2'008
Kitchen sets	OPEC/Danish RC/British RC	2'518

The NFIs have been distributed according to needs of the beneficiaries. The numbers varied between c. 4,000 to c. 7,000 during the period and therefore the numbers of the various items distributed vary.

Outstanding needs

As the emergency phase is now over, the capacity building activities will be worked on with the two National Societies. The need is to have a suitably qualified Disaster Preparedness delegate based in Rwanda to work with the RRCS on the next phase of the DP programme. Preparations also need to be made for the erection of a warehouse - either a Rub-Hall or a more permanent structure - to accommodate the proposed DPP stock for up to 50,000 beneficiaries.

External relations - Government/UN/NGOs/Media

Coordination is carried out both at the Goma and field level as well as from Kigali in Rwanda.

The Rwandan authorities held a meeting on 19 February with the main humanitarian actors to develop a national contingency plan, which is expected to be finalized within 45 days.

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All International Federation Operations seek to adhere to the Code of Conduct and are committed to the Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Disaster Response (SPHERE Project) in delivering assistance to the most vulnerable.

This operation seeks to administer to the immediate requirements of the victims of this disaster. Subsequent operations to promote sustainable development or longer-term capacity building will require additional support, and these programmes are outlined on the Federation's website.

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D. R. Congo - volcanic eruption						ANNEX 1
APPEAL No. 02/2002		PLEDGES RECEIVED				07.03.2002
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
CASH						TOTAL COVERAGE
REQUESTED IN APPEAL CHF ----->				4'802'000		75.9%
AMERICAN - RC		990	USD	1'642	18.01.2002	PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT
ANDORRAN - RC		5'966	EUR	8'823	25.02.2002	
BRITISH - GOVT (DFID)		663	GBP	1'591	21.01.2002	PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT
BRITISH - GOVT (DFID)		50'000	GBP	120'000	23.01.2002	NON-RELIEF ITEMS
BRITISH - GOVT (DFID)		89'916	GBP	215'798	23.01.2002	RELIEF STOCKS, TRANSPORT
BRITISH - GOVT (DFID)		40'144	GBP	121'850	22.02.2002	2 VEHICLES, RADIO H/SETS, 2 HEALTH KITS, KITCHEN SETS
BRITISH - GOVT (DFID)		4'130	GBP	10'036	22.02.2002	RDRT CAMP MANAGER
BRITISH RC		49'845	GBP	119'628	07.03.2002	KITCHEN SETS & JERRY CANS
BRITISH - PRIVATE DONOR				240'000	19.02.2002	
CANADIAN - RC		25'000	CAD	26'040	25.01.2002	
CANADIAN - GOVT/CIDA		99'000	CAD	103'118	11.02.2002	
CYPRUS - RC				153	16.01.2002	
DANISH - RC		92'500	DKK	18'398	22.01.2002	
DANISH - RC				97'906	07.02.2002	
DANISH - RC				11'000	04.02.2002	DELEGATE COSTS
FINNISH - RC		48'840	EUR	72'229	01.02.2002	
FRENCH - RC		335	EUR	495	18.01.2002	PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT
IRISH - RC		20'000	EUR	29'360	07.02.2002	
JAPANESE - RC				50'000	30.01.2002	
KENYAN - PRIVATE DONOR, LAFARGE		40'000	USD	66'352	24.01.2002	
KOREA, REPUBLIC - RC				30'000	22.01.2002	
LIBYAN - RC				5'000	09.02.2002	
MONACO - RC		8'000	EUR	11'831	18.01.2002	
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		622'370	NOK	115'799	15.01.2002	
NORWEGIAN - GOVT/RC		2'151'030	NOK	400'225	28.01.2002	14'000 BLANKETS, 42'000 JERRY CASN TRANSPORT/INSURANCE
OPEC		100'000	USD	165'880	25.01.2002	EMERGENCY RELIEF ITEMS
POLISH - RC		1'000	USD	1'659	29.01.2002	
PRIVATE DONORS				2'831	06.02.2002	
PRIVATE DONOR (SHELL FOUNDATION)		25'000	USD	41'275	28.02.2002	
SPANISH - RC		6'454	EUR	9'454	20.01.2002	PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT
SWEDISH - GOVT		1'000'000	SEK	160'300	22.01.2002	
SWISS - RC				178'500	28.01.2002	10'000 BLANKETS, 4'425 TARPAULINS, TRANSPORT
SWISS - PRIVATE DONOR				1'500	28.01.2002	
TURKISH - RC				10'000	30.01.2002	
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES - RC		5'000	USD	8'294	05.02.2002	
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN CASH				2'456'967	CHF	51.2%
KIND AND SERVICES (INCLUDING PERSONNEL)						
DONOR	CATEGORY	QUANTITY	UNIT	VALUE CHF	DATE	COMMENT
AMERICAN - RC		19'800	USD	32'844	18.01.2002	3 NEW EMERGENCY HEALTH KITS
BELGIUM - GOVT		110'039	EUR	162'737	19.01.2002	400 FAMILY TENTS, 13'440 M2 PLASTIC SHEETING, 4'500 BLANKETS, 2 WHO KITS, BILATERAL
BRITISH - GOVT		64'147	GBP	153'953	21.01.2002	ERU EQUIPMENT AND TEAM
FINNISH - GOVT		191'354	EUR	282'993	01.02.2002	300 TENTS, FREIGHT
FRENCH - RC		141'646	EUR	209'481	18.01.2002	NON-FOOD ITEMS, WATER EQUIPMENT, HEALTH MATERIAL, TELECOM EQUIPMENT
SPANISH - RC		226'659	EUR	335'206	20.01.2002	BLANKETS, JERRY CANS, TARPAULINS RUBBHALLS, TRANSPORT
SWISS - RC				10'000	28.01.2002	DELEGATE
SUB/TOTAL RECEIVED IN KIND/SERVICES				1'187'214	CHF	24.7%